

# SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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# MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

## SB 785 (Patterson)

SB 785 directs the Secretary of State to develop fundraising plates for non-profit organizations. The State Police are opposed to this legislation because it will make it increasingly difficult to recognize and identify Michigan License plates for police officers and incident/accident witnesses. This bill establishes no limit or limitations on the number of new plates, and provides no method for recall of plates that are discontinued under the imposed sales quota.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 785 [RC 66: 26 yes, 11 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

#### HB 4463 (Robertson)

HB 4463 would establish a state sponsored Cancer Awareness fund-raising license plate, and a Cancer Awareness fund within Treasury.

• The Senate concurred with the House changes to HB 4463 [RC 67: 32 yes, 5 no].

## FINAL PASSAGE

#### **SB 559 (Allen)**

SB 559 allows the state to issue a liquor license to Northwestern Michigan College.

• SB 559 passed [RC 68: 37 yes, 0 no].

#### **HB 4887 (Pastor)**

HB 4887 requires vehicles to move away from road services vehicles (a.k.a., tow trucks), which are helping out stranded motorists, etc. "Road service vehicle" would mean a vehicle that was clearly marked and readily recognizable as a vehicle used to assist disabled vehicles.

- HB 4887 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4887 passed with IE [RC 69: 37 yes, 1 no].

# THIRD READING

### SB 241 (George)

SB 241 renames a portion of I-94 and a portion of U.S. 131to the Underground Railroad Memorial Highway.

- George 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 241 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.

## HB 4675 (Vander Veen)

HB 4675 allows a licensed dental hygienist (who met certain educational requirements and had passed a State board exam), to administer nitrous oxide to a patient who was at least 18 years old, upon delegation by and under the direct supervision of a dentist. The bill also would allow a registered dental assistant who met certain educational requirements to assist and monitor the administration of nitrous oxide, upon delegation by and under the direct supervision of a dentist.

• George 1 (1 amend) was passed temporarily. This would have required the state to develop standards and guidelines regarding the use of nitrous oxide by dental assistants.